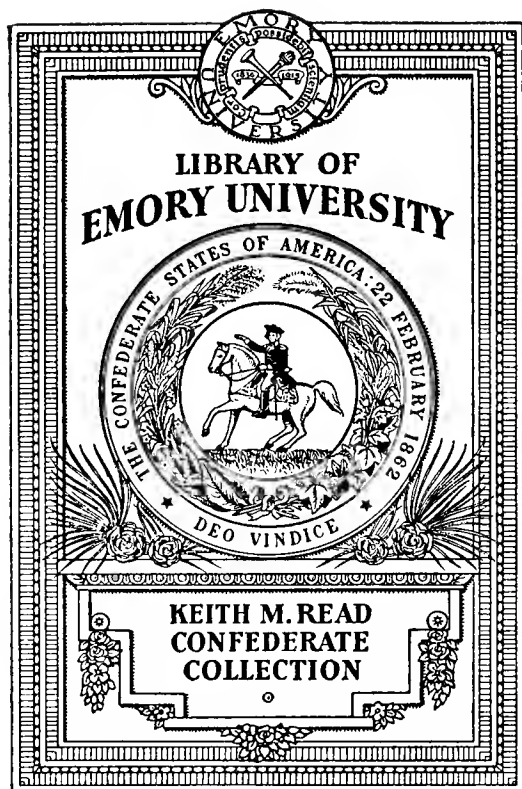


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SAVANNAH:

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1st. The Introductory was preached by Elder J. G. Williams, 2 Timothy, iv chapter, 2 verse, first clause: "Preach the Word."

2d. After an intermission of thirty minutes the Messengers from the several Churches convened in the Meeting House, and the Association was opened by Singing, and Prayer by Elder John A. Davis.

3d. The Letters from the several Churches were called for, handed in and read. Messengers' names enrolled and statistics minuted.

4th. Organized the body by re-electing J. G. Williams, Moderator, and J. Wilson, Clerk.

5th. Invited Ministering Brethren of our Faith and Order to seats with us, and to help us in our Deliberations.

6th. Appointed a Committee to arrange Preaching as follows, viz: Owen Gibson, John Proctor, Solomon Kennedy, with the Delegates from this Church.

On Business—W. F. Hogarth, N. J. Dugger and T. F. Banks.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—R. C. Bowers, Owen Gibson and Solomon Kennedy.

7th. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations. None.

8th. The Committee on Preaching report as follows:

Sunday, A. M., Elder J. Wilson, followed by Elder A. Kickaligher. P. M., Elder J. A. Davis, closed by Elder J. G. Williams.

9th. Appointed the following Brethren to arrange General Meetings, A. J. Wilson, O. Gibson and J. Brannen.

10th. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. Wilson.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Brethren came forward in the order of their names and preached to a large and attentive congregation.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder A. Kickalighter.

2d. Called the Roll and read the decorum.

3d. Called for, read and adopted the Report of the Brethren on the arrangement of business.

4th. Called for the Circular Letter prepared by Elder J. Wilson, which was read and adopted.

5th. Called for Petitionary Letters. None.

6th. Appointed our next Association to set with the Upper Lott's Creek Church, Bulloch county, Georgia, 16 miles southwest of Station No. 6, C. R. R., commencing on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1866.

7th. Called for the Report of the Committee appointed last year to visit Upper Lott's Creek Church, which was made satisfactory, and the Church was represented by Letter and Delegates.

8th. Appointed Elder W. F. Hogarth to preach the next Introductory, and Elder J. Wilson his alternate.

9th. Appointed Elder J. G. Williams to write the next Circular Letter.

10th. Called for the Report of the Committee to Arrange General Meetings, who report as follows: 1st. At Ashe's Branch, Bulloch county, Ga., in October, 1865. 2d. At Mill Creek, in December, 1865. 3d. At Anderson's M.

H., Tatnall county, in April, 1866. 4th. At Beard's Creek, do., and at Sardis, S. C., in July, 1866. 5th. At Bethlehem, Bulloch county, in September, 1866, commencing on Saturday before the fifth Sundays in their respective months.

11th. Appointed correspondence to Sister Associations as follows :

To Upper Canoochee, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1866, Elders A. Kickalighter, J. G. Williams, J. Wilson, W. F. Hogarth, Brethren J. Proctor, Owen Gibson and W. J. Anderson.

To the Primitive Ebenezer, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1866, A. Kickalighter, J. G. Williams, J. Wilson, Brethren A. J. Wilson, G. Richardson and J. Proctor.

12th. Appointed J. Wilson to prepare a Corresponding Letter.

13th. Agreed to have 500 copies of these Minutes printed, the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

14th. Called for contributions and received \$40 33✓

15th. On motion for adjournment, the Minutes were read, and closed by Singing, and Prayer by Elder W. F. Hogarth.

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

JASPER WILSON, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR AND MUCH ESTEEMED BRETHREN IN THE LORD :

As it is custom prevalent amongst us as an order of people professing christianity, you will expect something in the form of a Circular to accompany our Minutes; and before we enter upon the duty enjoined upon us, suffer us to make a remark or two. We are aware that the sentiments and principles that bind us together as brethren in church privileges, is different from any other order, and it is plain to distinguish, that we stand alone from other religious orders, and unconnected from the world, therefore it is not strange to us to be reproachfully spoken of by the same, for we are told that "if ye were of the world it would love its own." And now brethren we should not complain, seeing this is our lot; but we admonish you to take encouragement and go forward in the performance of every known duty enjoined upon you as believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, and as such we call your attention to the language of the Apostle, recorded in II chapter and 1 verse of 1 John: "that ye sin not, and if any man sin, that we have an advocate with the Father." The Apostle here, being a servant of God, made so according to the will of God; and in this address claimes them as little children, being born of that life which was from the beginning, testifying unto them that Christ was the life, and was manifest, and we have seen it so; then may God enable each one of His children to walk in the Light, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, and not omit the duties enjoined upon them as Saints of the Lord. Brethren we must acknowledge we have sinned, yet if we are the Lords little friend, we have an advocate. John goes on saying: "if any man sin," (evidently embracing believers only,) in the word any man, we have an advocate. So

then the term advocate is applied to the Lord Jesus Christ, as the exclusive mediator between God and man ; it designates one important branch of His high priestly office. So then brethren we confess that our poor nature universally stands in need of an advocate before the tribunal of divine justice, since all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. He who undertakes to plead the cause of the sinner, must be sinless ; he must not only possess sufficient ability for the office of special pleader, but he must know every person and every case, with all the disadvantages of all the cases which he undertakes. He must thoroughly understand the law and government under which he pleads, and be equally solicitous to uphold claims of righteousness, as to secure the safety of the client, who has resorted to him for protection. He that advocates for them must have a legal call to the office, and be sworn into it according to the laws of the Court. Then brethren how delighted it is to see that all these qualifications meet and center in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then we believe the Redeemer's claim to this office is founded on the express call of Jehovah. We are told by God the Holy Ghost "that Christ glorified not Himself to be an high priest, but was called of God, as was Aaron ; and he was not only called to the office, but sworn into it with the solemnity of an oath." So then christians and little children, let this be kept in perpetual remembrance : your advocate with the Father is your sworn advocate ; and as in consequence of sin, God our Father is of necessity the legal adversary of every sinner. So for every true believer Christ is a legal advocate, fully and lawfully appointed to this office by the Father Himself. So brethren farewell, we say to you in the language of Jesus to his sorrowful disciples, "let not your hearts be troubled ; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's house are many mansions."

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The Lower Canoochee to Sister Associations with whom
she corresponds.*

DEAR AND MUCH ESTEEMED BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

While war has been progressing and making its ravages upon our fellow-beings, with its many heart-rending scenes that we have experienced, that that All-Seeing Eye has watched over us and warded off death, and we are spared and favored of the Good Lord to meet together and hold another Association to act and transact the business of the same in love and harmony among ourselves, with nearly a full representation from the several Churches. Dear Brethren, we were deprived of your correspondence, and reflections on the past still increases our desire for a continuation of your friendly correspondence with us. Our next Association will be held with Upper Lott's Creek Church, Bulloch county, Ga., 16 miles south-west of Station No. 6, C. R. R., commencing Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1866.

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

JASPER WILSON, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-Head : the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We Believe in the Fall of Man, and his inability to recover himself.

3. We Believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.

4. We Believe in particular Election, effectual Calling of the Elect, and final perseveranee of the Saints.

5. We Believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God.

6. We Believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the Saint's Feet, are Ordinances of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the only fit subjects of those Ordinances, and believe the only true mode of Baptism is Immersion.

7. We Believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, only such as are regularly called and come under the Imposition of hands by a Presbytery.

8. We Believe in a Final Judgment ; in the future state of reward and punishment, and that of eternal duration.

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

JASPER WILSON, Clerk.

RULES.

By which the Lower Canoochee Association shall be governed while in Session.

1. This Association shall be composed of Messengers from the Churches whose names are inserted in their Letters.

2. This Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, chosen by Messengers present.

3. This Association shall open by Singing and Prayer.

4. This Association shall attend to all petitions and queries found in the Letters from the Churches ; and make such regulations and give such advice as they think proper.

5. All business shall come into this Association by a move and a second ; and every move that is seconded shall be taken up by the Association and decided, except it be withdrawn by the mover.

6. There shall be no talking in time of public speech, and no reflections shall be cast upon the speaker.

7. No person shall be interrupted in the time of public speech unless he depart from the subject in debate, and then only by the Moderator.

8. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave from the Moderator.

9. A majority of this Association shall govern in all cases, and no member shall absent himself at any time without leave from the Moderator.

10. All violations of these Rules shall be reprov'd by the Moderator.

11. A majority of this Association may alter and amend these Rules at any time.

12. And as there are so many institutions of men, (called Benevolent Institutions,) and this Association believing it to be her duty to provide for the general union of the Churches, she, therefore, declares, non-fellowship with all the unscriptural institutions of the day, such as Theological Schools State Conventions. Missionary Societies, Bible Societies Tract Societies, and Temperance Societies, (so called) and all their kindred relations, holding them as unscriptural.

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

JASPER WILSON, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, The assemblage of the Delegates at Lime Stone Church, Washington County, Ga., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1829, from the several Churches, viz : Newhope, Hebron, Limestone, Hines, Mill Creek, Fox Bay, Canoochee, Lake, Upper Black Creek, Bethlehem, Little Brier Creek, Gum-log, Bethesda, having then and there agreed and covenanted together to become united in one body, called the United Baptist Conference or Association ; but at the Association held at Lower Lott's Creek, Bulloeh County, in the year 1847, agreed then to become two bodies for convenience, called Upper and Lower Canoochee Associations ; and we the Lower Canoochee Association, composed of the several Churches, viz : Nevil's Creek, Mill Creek, Elem, Upper Lott's Creek, Jones' Lake, Lower Lott's Creek, Bethlehem, Upper Black Creek, Line's Fellowship, Ashe's Branch, Lower Black Creek, Beard's Creek, Cedar Creek, Deloache's, Watermellon Creek, Elbethel, Fox's Bay, Salem and Gum Branch, do agree to unite on the following principles :

1. This Association shall, if they think proper meet annually as an advisory council.

2. This Association shall be composed of Messengers from the several Churches, so that each Church may have two Messengers, if they choose and no more, and the Messengers' names shall be inserted in their letters.

3. This Association shall have power to make its own rules to govern itself ; but none of its rules shall be binding on the Churches, for they are free and of right ought to be.

4. It shall be the duty of this Association to give her best advice in cases of difficulty, and to endeavor to keep up a union among the Churches composing her body and arrange General Meetings.

5. This Association shall admit into its body any Church whom they shall find sound in faith and moral in practice. Also, if any Church in order wishes to withdraw from this body, she may at her discretion on application, have a letter of dismission.

6. As the love of money is the root all evil, and has produced so much distress among Christians, we, wishing to live in peace, therefore, this Association shall not engage in nor in anywise encourage any religious speculation called Missionary, or by any other name, under pretence of supporting the Gospel.

7. We, the Churches, composing this Association, believing the Books of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God, declare we take the New Testament for the Rules of our Faith and Practice, for we are not under the Law, but under Grace.

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, Moderator.

JASPER WILSON, Clerk.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Ordained Ministers' Names in SMALL CAPS. Licensed, <i>Italics</i> . MESSENGERS' NAMES.		Rec'd by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommended.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total Number.	Contributions.	Times of Meeting
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